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SENATOR ALLARD SECURES FUNDING FOR WEST SLOPE ENERGY AND WATER PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado), member of the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee, on Tuesday announced that he has secured funding for several West Slope projects in the FY 2006 Energy and Water Appropriations Bill.

“I am pleased that the Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee has funded these critical programs for the West Slope,” Senator Allard said. “Water is a vital element, both for Colorado’s prosperity and for our continued quality of life. Energy, likewise, plays a huge role in our well being, and will play an even bigger role in our future.”

The Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) West Slope water projects approved by the Subcommittee for funding next year include:

- \$166,000 for resources management at the BOR water control project in Collbran;
- \$1.277 million for facilities operation and maintenance at the BOR water control project in Collbran;
- \$20,128 for operations and maintenance of Fruitgrowers Dam in Delta County;
- \$233,670 for facilities operations and maintenance at the BOR’s Grand Valley water control unit;
- \$2.055 million for facilities operation and maintenance at the BOR’s Paradox Valley water control project near Montrose;
- \$62,000 for resources management at the BOR water control project in Paradox Valley.
- \$172,106 for the Uncompahgre project in Western Colorado between Montrose and Delta.

In addition, in the energy portion of the bill, the Subcommittee approved \$3 million for oil shale activities in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. The full Senate is expected to act on this legislation by the end of June.

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